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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1913.

Politeness is like an air cushion; there may be nothing in it, but it eases our jolts wonderfully.—JOHNSON

Long live the S. C. C. I. in Edgefield!

Many a crusty old bachelor must eke out a lonely life for four more years.

Don't be mad if you write 1912 a few more times. It serves to illustrate the force of habit.

Don't make any more New Year resolutions than you will honestly strive to keep.

Santa Claus is off duty 365 days in the year but Cupid and the Stork never rest.

When the suffragettes serenaded the New York solons will it not be an instance of sweet belies out of tune?

What young man in Edgefield will hereafter send letters to his sweetheart by parcels post on account of their size and weight?

Whether we are architects of our own fortune or there is a destiny that shapes our ends, we can make of the good year 1913 largely what we want it to be.

The conviction of those 39 dynamite conspirators will have a deterrent effect upon the criminal class throughout the country. And you can just bet your boots that President Wilson will not pardon a single one of them.

Instead of being unlucky, if every individual sovereign of this great nation will strive for the upbuilding of our common country as assiduously as will President Woodrow Wilson, 1913 can be made the very best year of the centuries.

All previous long-distance wireless records were broken Monday when the powerful government station at Washington caught a message that was sent from the Eiffel Tower in Paris, a distance of over 3,900 miles. There is no telling what the good year 1913 will bring forth. It is within the range of possibilities to have a wireless message encircle the globe.

A Baptist Hospital.

The Baptists of the state took a long step forward when they established the Connie Maxwell Orphanage at Greenwood, and next in importance was the recent decision to found a Baptist sanitarium. If the members of this great denomination in South Carolina support this institution as loyally as they do the orphanage at Greenwood it will prove to be a blessing to the Baptists, giving them an additional opportunity for development, and also a great boon to the people of the state as it will provide an additional means of relieving sickness and suffering. By reason of being the capital of the state and practically the geographical center, Columbia is the proper place to locate the hospital.

Should Receive Entire Fee.

When the marriage license law was enacted a fee of one dollar was fixed for granting the license. In some counties the entire amount of the fee is paid to the probate judge while in other counties only a portion is paid to that official for the work of issuing and recording the license. The law provides that in Edgefield twenty-five cents of the fee be paid to the judge of probate and the remaining seventy-five cents be paid into the general public school fund of the county. Considering the actual amount of clerical work involved in issuing and recording the license and the responsibility, and no infrequently unpleasantness, it is but reasonable and just that the entire amount be paid to the judge of probate. There is a greater responsibility connected with granting a license than the average person realizes. Should an applicant for a license, who under the law is not entitled to receive one,

secure a license by false representation the judge of probate, although having complied with the law in so far as his duties go, would be severely censured by innocent persons who would suffer because the license was granted. Furthermore, it was not contemplated that the enactment of a marriage license law should be a source of revenue for the schools, roads, or any other purpose. The entire amount of the fee should be paid to the officer who issues and records the license, and our delegation should have the law changed in so far as that feature applies to Edgefield county.

Agricultural Labor Plentiful.

For the past few years the farm labor situation has been rather acute in this county, causing not a few landowners to have their land lie idle for the lack of tenants. Owing to several causes, conditions have very materially changed within the past few months. Farm labor in many sections of the county appears now to be plentiful. Instead of land owners having to go out and search for help, farm hands have gone out to look for homes.

This change of conditions is due primarily to the fact that many negro renters have been completely stripped by their creditors. The number of chattel mortgages foreclosed during the past fall has been much larger than usual, indicating that a greater number have been in financial straits. For that reason many renters have found themselves unable to farm on their own account.

The large acreage in grain has had something to do with the plethoric condition of labor. Instead of enlarging and expanding by opening up additional cotton farms, there has been, if we are correctly informed, a disposition to curtail the acreage of the regular field crops. Doubtless, too, many colored people have acted upon the assumption, and very wisely so, that credit will not be as cheap this year as last, which would have made it more difficult for them to finance their farming operations.

Disappointing prices and partial crop failures are not without their advantages. An occasional weeding out of an unreliable, irresponsible element among the tillers of the soil is the best for both white and colored.

Practice Rigid Economy.

The year 1912 was not without disappointments to many individuals. Hopes were not realized—plans were thwarted—fortune seemed to frown upon their every effort. The New Year which dawned with the rising of today's sun is uncertain. What 1913 holds for this or that individual, this or that business, no one can tell. We can live but one day at a time, doing our utmost to make the efforts of each day a success. Because of this uncertainty, and the impossibility of achieving anything through our efforts alone, it behooves us to plan carefully and then execute to the best of our ability.

If there is one word that The Advertiser would place more conspicuously before our people, particularly our farmer friends, for this year it is the word ECONOMY. By laying the plans for the new year wisely and economically there is nothing to be lost and possibly, very probably, much to be gained. Unfortunately there is practically but one money crop produced upon the farms of this county, and while cotton is bringing a reasonably fair price there is no telling what will be realized for the crop of 1913. One partial failure can not bankrupt, or even seriously cripple our farmers, but unless rigid economy is practiced a second crop failure may be disastrous to many farmers. This newspaper is not a calamity crier, but it advocates being on the safe side. The editor of The Advertiser has an abiding interest in the welfare of the farmers of this county. We want to see them prosper and become independent. It is our deep concern for them that has prompted us to urge that economy be practiced this year. Do not base your plans on a maximum yield at a maximum price, but rather have in mind an average yield at an average price. Then if the large yield and high price are realized the net returns will be the greater.

Georgia Governor Talks on Wholesale Pardoning by Blease.

Atlanta, Ga. Dec. 27.—"If South Carolina has persons within her borders whose presence is so dangerous she cannot tolerate them except under guard in her penitentiary, she certainly is guilty of a grievous wrong when she sets them free under conditions which forbid them to kill or otherwise damage her own citizens, but empowers, if she does not virtually encourage them to lawless deeds in sister states."

"Georgia neither practices nor endorses a policy akin to turning a pack of wolves loose on your neighbor's children after looking your own security in the house."

The foregoing is the comment of Governor Joseph M. Brown of Georgia, on the pardoning and pardoning of four score convicts, twenty-five of them life-termers, by Gov. Blease of South Carolina on Tuesday.

Current Comment**"Uncle Sam" Objects to Booze.**

Booze can't be sent by parcels post. So those who use the stuff will have to patronize the express company, or better still, quit buying booze.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Better leave off the whiskey altogether.

An Apt Comparison.

When a governor pardons convicts on the condition that they migrate to another state it is like a man turning a rabid dog loose so that he may go out amongst the neighbors.—Spartanburg Journal.

It is a grievous wrong to turn loose vicious criminals upon this and other states.

Out of Balance.

Some men are so light in the upper story that they have to part their hair in the middle to preserve their mental equilibrium.—Newberry Observer.

What about those who feel compelled to wear their hats on one side of their cranium. There are a few of this unbalanced class round about Edgefield.

Made a Good President.

Every time President Taft says anything about the South he makes himself more popular in this section of the country. We believe there are some people in Augusta who would vote for him for President.—Greenwood Journal.

Had not the Baltimore convention nominated a strong, safe man, a goodly number of old-line Democrats in South Carolina would have cast the ballots for Mr. Taft in the last general election. He has always proven himself to be a friend to the South.

Gonzales Wanting Nothing.

Editor W. E. Gonzales announces that he is no candidate for political favors at the hands of Mr. Wilson or anyone else.

It's mighty fine to be perfectly independent, but above all it shows that Mr. Gonzales' zeal for Mr. Wilson was born of patriotism and not of patronage.—Gaffney Ledger.

Mr. Gonzales always takes high, unselfish ground, which has caused his paper, The State, to be looked upon as one of South Carolina's most valuable assets.

Governor Should Investigate.

Of course the governor does not feel in any way responsible for that lynching at Norway last week. We have come to an awful pass when human life is taken under such circumstances as these. Just keep up this sort of thing and the lands of this country won't be worth ten cents an acre, for there will be no labor to farm them. We must depend on the negro as a far laborer, and they are certainly not going to stay in a country where they have no protection from the mob, and who can blame them?—Bamberg Herald.

Innocent, inoffensive negroes should be protected from the mob. Let the guilty be punished as provided by law and let the innocent have the protection of the law.

Smile Provokers

Knicker—"Do you understand mortgages?"

Bocker—"Yes; the first is for the car and the second is for the upkeep."—New York Sun.

Maud—"Miss Oldun thinks that hotel clerk just lovely."

Ethel—"Why so?"

Maud—"He wrote opposite her name on the hotel register, suite 16."—Boston Transcript.

"I feel very uneasy; it's pouring with rain and my wife went out without an umbrella."

"No doubt she'll take refuge in a shop somewhere."

"Yes; that's just what's worrying me so."

"Now, Johnny, said the teacher, after she had explained the meaning of the word, I wish you would write a sentence containing defeat."

After twenty minutes' struggle Johnny announced that he was ready to be heard.

"Please read your composition," the teacher directed.

"When you git shoes dat's too tite," Johnny read, "It's hard on de feet."

"You say your wife threw a plate at you?"

"Yes, it was a fine china plate. It broke against my head."

"Didn't she appear sorry after she threw it?"

"Yes, she appeared very sorry."

"Ah, indeed. And what did she say?"

"She said she was a fool not to control her temper."

"Good. And what else did she say?"

"She said she didn't believe she could match that plate again if she hunted the town through."

Beautiful Christmas Exercises at the Baptist Church.

On Christmas night the Baptist Sunday school celebrated the occasion with beautiful and appropriate exercises. The church was decorated with garlands of green and white bearing large green letters that formed Christmas mottoes with scriptural texts. Holly and cedar were used in profusion and the whole scene was impressive and suggestive of the happy and joyous season with its holy significance.

The first part of the program was arranged especially for the pleasure and entertainment of the little folks and the recitations and dialogues were given by the smaller members of the Sunday school. Jack Feltham's recitation, "Giving and not getting," presented the idea for which the entertainment was planned and he fully convinced his hearers by his earnest little speech that it really is more "blessed to give than to receive." Little Hansford Mims extended Christmas greetings although he could not pronounce the word, but the audience seemed to understand and to appreciate his merry "Kismas."

"Mother Goose's Christmas party" brought back old friends in new roles. They too had caught the spirit of generosity and were bringing gifts for others and not keeping all for themselves. "Little Bo-Peep" was lovely, being well represented by pretty little Corrie Cheatham. "The Maiden all Fororn" and Little Miss Muffett delighted the little folks with Elizabeth Timmerman and Effie Allen Lott as these characters. Eleanor Mims as Mother Goose was gracious and kind to her large family, extending them a cordial welcome as they arrived at the party. In the little gathering were Jack Spratt's wife, Gertrude Thurmond; Old Woman in the Shoe, Lillian Pattison; Curly Locks, Emma Martin; Jill, Ruth Hart; Red Riding Hood, Mary Lily Byrd; Old woman in a Basket, Elise Hudgens; Miss Mary Quite Contrary, Elizabeth Lott, and last but not least, Santa Claus dressed in his accustomed red suit and furs bringing, as he always does, happiness and good cheer to the merry little band.

Instead of receiving presents each child brought a gift for the orphanage. Before the box was filled Elizabeth Lott recited "Empty stockings" creating sympathy for the motherless children and J. C. Hughes spoke clearly and distinctly his views on "Dividing his Christmas." Several children joined in a dialogue explaining the purpose for which the offerings were to be given entitled the "Christmas box." These little tots rendered their parts well with the result of a generous response in clothing, toys and money for the orphanage. Those who were in the exercise were George Tompkins, Hough Hart, Elizabeth Lott, Gertrude Thurmond, Strom Thurmond, Eleanor Mims, Kate Mims, Ethel Cheatham and Roland Snuggs.

The Christmas story of the birth of Christ occupied the second part of the program and was divided into four tableaux and pantomimes. During the first scene of the Shepherds on the hillside watching the star, Miss Elizabeth Rainsford sang beautifully a solo, "Shepherds bright the star is shining."

Presenting a wonderfully impressive scene was the vision of the angels, "a multitude of the heavenly host," appearing to the Shepherds and forming the second tableau. The rose colored lights that lit up their fair young faces made an extremely effective picture impressing in an indelible manner the Bethlehem story upon the childish minds. During the scene, the choir softly sang the angels' song of that blessed night, "Glory to God in the highest."

The manger scene was next presented, the dim starlight revealing Mary sitting by the lowly bed like to that where once lay the wondrous babe. The clear soprano voice of Miss Rainsford was again heard in a soft sweet lullaby, "Sleep little Jesus, sleep."

The last scene was the visit of the Wise Men of the East bringing their gifts to present to the newborn king. During this Mr. Geo. Mims sang in excellent taste and with fine effect, the old but ever beautiful Christmas song, "Silent Night" with soft choral accompaniment.

This closed a most delightful evening for the members of the Sunday school and their friends all of which was arranged for their pleasure by the efficient and beloved superintendent Mr. W. B. Cogburn.

The committee on the entertainment of which Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman was chairman made great success of this occasion throughout, and Christmas of 1912 will hold a large place on that account in the memory of the children and older people as well.

Medley.

New Year's Greeting

We wish to thank our friends and patrons for their liberal support for 1912 to make it the banner year of our business, and we promise you all in our power to please and give you values for 1913 to make it the best yet.

Yours to serve,

Rives Bros.**New Year Greetings**

Since coming to Edgefield our business has steadily grown. For this steady patronage we are deeply grateful to the people of Edgefield, town and county. We expect to continue to carry a large stock of dependable dry goods, notions, shoes, clothing, etc., and ask for a continuance of this patronage through 1913.

Israel Mukashy Bargain House**Round Trip Excursion Fares to Columbia, S. C. and Return**

—VIA—

Southern Railway

Premier Carrier of the South

—ACCOUNT—

Fifth National Corn Exposition

Jan. 27- Feb. 9, 1913

Account of this occasion, the Southern Railway announces very low round trip fares to Columbia, S. C. and return, tickets on sale January 23, 25, 27, and 31, February 3, 5, 7, 1913 with final limit returning to reach original starting point not later than midnight February 12, 1913, as follows:

Aiken,	\$2.45	Edgefield,	\$2.10
Batesburg	\$1.20		
Leesville	\$1.20	Johnston,	1.70

Proportionately reduced fares from other points. Attractive side trip fares from Columbia. For further information call on nearest ticket agent, or,

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